

# Senate Panel To Deal With Ties to Klein

## Senator Welcomes Inquiry, Predicts Public Vindication

The Senate Ethics Committee announced today that it will hold public hearings in one phase of allegations of improper conduct involving Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn.

The announcement said that the hearings will deal with "the alleged relationship" between Dodd and Julius Klein, head of a Chicago public relations firm.

The hearings will be held, the committee said, "for the purpose of bringing out the facts."

Dodd, in a statement, said he was "pleased" that the committee plans to hold hearings.

"These hearings," he said, "will demonstrate to my own constituents and to the American public not only the malicious untruth of the charges made against me, but also the systematic theft of documents from my office and the motivations of those who conspired in that theft."

### Had Asked for Inquiry

Dodd noted that he requested the committee on Feb. 23 to look into the allegations against him.

"In making this request," he said, "I offered my full cooperation."

The committee's announcement made no specific reference to charges involving Dodd's use of proceeds from fund-raising affairs for personal expenses. Associates of the Connecticut senator have described such funds as nontaxable "gifts."

The open sessions, the committee said, will be preceded by executive hearings to determine which activities in the relationship of Dodd and Klein come within the committee's jurisdiction.

"Upon completion of the hearings into this phase of Sen. Dodd's conduct," the announcement said, "the committee will decide what further hearings to hold."

### No Date Set

A date for beginning the hearings, it was said, will be announced.

"The committee desires to allow Sen. Dodd sufficient time to prepare his defense," the announcement said. "He has been informed of the substance of the complaint he will face as to the Klein matter." No estimate of the duration of the hearings can be made at this time, the committee said.

It also announced that witnesses will be identified only at the time of their appearance.

The committee, headed by Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., has been engaged in looking into a variety of charges made against Dodd.

Other members of the committee are Sens. Wallace Bennett, R-Utah, vice chairman; A. S. Mike Monroney, D-Okla.; John Sherman Cooper, R-Ky.; Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn.; and James B. Pearson, R-Kan.

### Dinners Biggest Issue

Dodd's handling of proceeds from "testimonial" dinners has come in for more attention recently than his relations with Klein, who represents a number of German interests.

Committee members previously have said that one of the chief allegations under investigation involved a trip Dodd made to West Germany in 1964.

Syndicated columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson pictured the trip as an effort by Dodd to help Klein retain his West German clients after the Foreign Relations Committee, of which Dodd is a member, had explored Klein's activities in a probe of foreign agents.

However, an associate of Dodd's said recently the Senator went to West Germany on another matter for the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, and that the Klein matter came up only incidentally.

Klein, in a statement in New York yesterday, said that "Senator Dodd . . . has never in any way been of help to me in my business."

Klein's statement was made



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after. The Star reported that he had contributed at least \$1,000 to Dodd's campaigns.

A Midwestern senator said yesterday he is "shocked" to hear a claim that Dodd cannot meet the expenses of public office on less than \$50,000 a year.

"I would guess that the great majority of those members of Congress who are not independently wealthy manage to take care of their personal expenses without resorting to money raised by testimonial dinners," Sen. Jack Miller, R-Iowa, said in a floor speech yesterday.

Miller referred to an earlier claim by associates of Dodd that the testimonial dinners were necessary to supplement the \$30,000 annual salary paid to senators.

To avoid repetition of the Dodd case, Miller called for passage of a bill to require full disclosure "of not only the sources and amounts of income of the individual member (of Congress) but also, and equally important, the sources and amounts of income of the member's wife, his parents, children and his brothers and sisters."

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